

THAR SHE BLOWS AT OCEANARIUM

It is census taking time in California and this time the nose-counters are looking for the California gray whales as they migrate southward along the coast. Because Marineland of the Pacific point is an ideal observation post, Kenneth Norris, curator of the Oceanarium, has assigned members of his staff to keep the "whale watch."

During the months of January and February, the whales are a common sight swimming along local shores. A nearly continuous procession of the huge, 35 to 45-foot creatures can be seen spouting and showing their barnacle encrusted backs as they migrate southward.



DEAN MARTIN AND JERRY LEWIS pile up the laughs in Paramount's new Vista-Vision production "Three Ring Circus," which is now playing at the Strand theater, Redondo Beach. Filmed in color by Technicolor, the rollicking comedy features a large supporting cast headed by Joanne Dru and Zsa Zsa Gabor.

'Outstanding Young Man' Award Given To Hanson

A certificate honoring him as the outstanding young man of the year was presented to Fred Hanson at a dinner meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce last week.

Hanson received the JayCee award for outstanding leadership and service rendered to the community. Listed among his civic contributions were Civil Defense work, helping to organize a "get out the vote" campaign, promoting the huge Torrance Community Fair, serving as a new director of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, community welfare work, and helping to organize a community clean-up campaign.

Hanson was chosen from among a list of nominees including individuals throughout the community.

The certificate was presented by Bill Sturgis of the JayCees. Judges included Mayor Nick Drake, Judge John A. Shidler, and Dean Sears.



FRED HANSON
... outstanding

Jensen Chairman of Water District Board

Joseph Jensen this week was unanimously re-elected as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District. This will be Jensen's fourth consecutive term as chairman of the Board.

Warren W. Butler was also re-elected to serve a fourth term as vice-chairman, and Fred A. Heilbron was re-elected to his third term as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Food Stores Sign Contract With Union

After prolonged negotiations, agreement was reached Tuesday, January 18, 1955, between Retail Clerks Local 905, AFL, the Harbor Area Employers' Council, and Food Employers' Council, Inc., on the 1954-55 Food Agreement covering some 700 food clerks employed in San Pedro, Torrance, Wilmington, Lomita, Gardena, and portions of South Los Angeles.

A wage increase of \$3.00 per 40-hour week, or 7 1/2 cents per hour, in all classifications, following the pattern established in most of the rest of the state, was agreed upon, retroactive to November 1, 1954. The journeyman rate is \$83.00 for 40-hours, under the new agreement.

Negotiations conducted with the Union through Ben N. Scott, acting secretary-treasurer, by representatives of the Harbor Area Employers' Council and the Food Employers' Council, started in September and featured a long series of amicable meetings which evidenced the improvement in relations between labor and management in the Harbor Area and point the way to future development of the fast growing district, a joint statement by Scott and Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council, stated.

The contract anniversary date is October 31, 1955. Members of the Union voted to accept the terms of the agreement at a series of meetings Tuesday.

Income Tax Class Set At Torrance Hi

Preparation and filing of Federal and State Income Tax Returns will be the subject of a short but intensive class now being held at Torrance Evening High School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Logan R. Cotton and Myron Francisco, noted tax accountants, will offer free instruction on changes in 1954 Income Tax Law, State Income Tax Procedures, Proper Account Keeping and will also discuss personal tax problems.

Designed to help the individual taxpayer and small businessman prepare his own tax returns, this special course starts on Tuesday, January 18, and continues for six meetings until February 3. Open to the public, the class will be held free of charge in Room 109, Torrance High School. Persons interested may enroll in the classroom at the beginning of each class period.

Sid Whaley Elected Area 'Hi-Y Boy'

Sid Whaley, Jr., representing the Torrance YMCA, was elected the winner Tuesday of the Harbor Area Hi-Y Boy of the Year.

Dick Mitchell, chairman of the Boys' Work Committee of the San Pedro YMCA, and Robert Cains of the Wilmington YMCA, served as judges in the competition.

Whaley, of 241 Longfellow ave., Hermosa Beach, is a senior at Mira Costa High school and has been a member of the Hi-Y club there for over two years. He is planning to enter college this fall and work toward becoming a medical researcher.

During the week of January 17, Sid will compete against the winners of four other districts in trying to determine the "Hi-Y Boy of the Year" for 1955 from Los Angeles County.

Car License Renewal Ends February 4

Branch offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon during the annual vehicle registration renewal period which ends on Friday, February 4.

(The Torrance office is located at 1317 Cravens, next to the telephone building).

Paul Mason, Director of Motor Vehicles, said the Saturday operations in permanent offices would include all types of vehicle registration service.

The effective dates for the extra service are Saturdays, January 22 and 29 only. During the rest of the year the Department's office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Department officials advise motorists renewing their car registrations for 1955 that speediest service is obtained by submitting fees with the new pre-punched reminder statements mailed from Sacramento.

The right-hand stub of the card should be filled in with name and address of registered owner, typed or legibly printed. The stub must not be detached and the card should not be stapled, pinned or folded.

Persons who fail to receive a prepared statement may renew by submitting fees with the '54 white slip.

Dr. Kenneth McFarland will address more than 800 members and friends of the California Industrial Education Association Saturday, January 22, in the Campus center of El Camino college.

Addressing the Southern Section convention of the industrial educators, Dr. McFarland will speak on "The U in Education."

Chamber Leaders To Attend 1-Day Workshop

President Paul D. Loranger will lead a group of local Chamber officers, committeemen and citizens to attend the one day Chamber leader's workshop to be held at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena on Tuesday, January 25.

"Sponsored by the Chamber of the U.S. this important Chamber leader's conference is one of several being conducted throughout the U.S. and one of two in California," said Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber.

Reservations are now being accepted at the Chamber office at 1345 El Prado or FA. 8-2814 and to date the list includes most of the Chamber officers

and many prominent citizens. Since the meeting is not limited to Chamber officials only, any citizen may attend.

The Palos Verdes Gem and Mineral Society held its regular monthly meeting at 1932 Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita January 18. Non-board officers were elected, and Ernest Pauls discussed "How You Can Make Jewelry in Silver and Gold."

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Earnings of more than \$138,000, representing dividends on savings for the last six months of 1954, have been distributed among some 5000 investors in the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of San Pedro, according to George G. Collins, executive vice-president of the institution. Checks were mailed and accounts credited as of the close of business, December 31, 1954.

The year showed savings at an all time peak, said Collins, in releasing the Association's year end statement of condition, which showed total assets at a new high of \$10,439,562.94. He further stated that the new year is starting out on a thrifty note, with more than \$432,523.35 being placed in new and existing savings accounts during the first ten days of January.

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